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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Sonic.net has been a lifeline for me. I live on a fixed income, and their bundled Internet/phone service has more than HALVED my bill versus separate AT&T internet and phone plans! My internet is more reliable, and I can call my family in Canada as often as I like. Before Sonic there were no real options on my budget where I live (Comcast internet was far too expensive). And I live in the city, not the country, which made the lack of direct competition that much more outrageous! Providers need competition or there is no motivation to respond to consumers, and consumers have no recourse. As a small local company, Sonic has been right there for me every time I've had an issue. I can not explain how grateful I am to never have to wade through AT&T's automated-recorded-call-center maze ever again!

Please support Sonic!

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